(c) Though it was the original objective set for the Seventh Plan to give a telephone connection practically on demand by 1990 it is not feasible due to resource constraints. The date when this will be feasible depends upon the availability of resources.

Exemption to de licensed Industries

676. PROF. M. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to exempt all de-licensed industries including shipping and hotel from the provisions of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the advantages of the above measures; and

(d) whether it is not a departure from the Industrial Policy followed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government has exempted the following industries from the requirement of obtaining an approval under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969:—

1. Shipping Industry;
2. Hotel Industry; and
3. Delicensed industries.

The exemption has been notified in exercise of the powers vested in the Central Government under Section 22A of the said Act.

(c) The basic approach behind the measure is to channelise investment by the large industrial houses in the above industries which are either capital intensive in nature or are prone to high risks or involve sophisticated technology or would result in the development of no-industry districts in the country.

(d) No, Sir.

Closure of small paper mills

677. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of 57 small paper mills in the country due to a serious demand recession; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government to ease the problem being faced by the small paper mills in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to information available, 22 small paper mills are lying closed at present on account of various problems faced by them, such as management deficiency, shortage of raw material and power obsolescence of machinery, financial problems, etc.

(b) The problems of the small paper mills are kept in view while formulating appropriate remedial measures. A package of fiscal reliefs, by way of excise concessions for use of unconventional raw materials and reduction/waiver of customs duty for imported raw materials has been extended to the paper industry. Infrastructural support has also been improved by increasing allocation of coal to the industry.

Performance of Public Sector Undertakings

678. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings which made profits

and those which incurred losses during the years 1984 and 1985;

(c) the action Government propose to take to improve the performance of the units which incurred losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The details of undertakings making profits and losses in 1983-84 and 1984-85 as per the Public Enterprises Survey 1984-85 placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 27-2-1986 are as follows:—

	1984-85	1983-84
Number of enterprises making profit before tax	115	109
Number of enterprises incurring losses	90	91

(b) The total investment (equity plus loans) in the 91 loss making enterprises as on 31-3-1984 was Rupees 16,890 crores.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of these enterprises are detailed in Chapter 19 "Productivity in Public Enterprises" of the above Public Enterprises Survey 1984-85—Volume-I.

Judicial Reforms Commission

679. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to constitute a judicial Reforms Commission headed by a Supreme Court Judge;

(b) if so, what would be the total strength of the Commission and its terms of reference; and

(c) by when the Commission would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Government have entrusted the work pertaining to judicial reforms to the present Law Commission requesting it to study the problem in accordance with the terms of reference approved by the Government and make recommendations to the Government, as early as possible. The Law Commission has already initiated action on this work. A copy of the terms of reference for undertakings this study by the Commission is enclosed as per Statement below.

Statement

Terms of Reference in the context of studying Judicial Reforms

1. The need for decentralisation of the system of administration of justice by—

(i) establishing, extending and strengthening in rural areas the Institution of Nyaya Panchayats or other mechanisms for resolving disputes;

(ii) setting up of a system of participatory justice with defined jurisdiction and powers in suitable areas and centres;

(iii) establishing other tiers or systems within the judicial hierarchy to reduce the volume of work in the Supreme Court and the High Courts.

2. The matters for which Tribunals (excluding services Tribunals) as envisaged in Part XIV-A of the Constitution need to be established expeditiously and various aspects related to their establishment and working.

3. The procedural laws with a view generally to disposing of cases expeditiously, eliminating unnecessary litigation and delays in hearing of cases and reform in proceures and procedural laws and particularly to devising procedures appropriate to the terms envisaged in items 1(i) and 1(ii).